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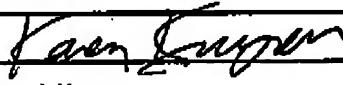
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Art Unit: 1625

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Dear Sir:

This amendment is response to Office Communication mailed December 13, 2005 in the above-referenced application. In the previous amendment filed on November 7, 2005, Applicants elected Group III, claim 21 drawn to a method for treating pathologies linked to an abnormal apoptotic activity to be prosecuted. Applicants further elected prion diseases as the specific disease. Applicants canceled claim 21 and submitted new claim 22, but as the December 13, 2005 Office Communication points out, new claim 22 is drawn to a method using the compound of formula I recited in claim 1 instead of the elected specific compounds according to claim 19.

This amendment rectifies this error by canceling claim 22 and submitting new claim 23 hereinbelow. Prior to examination, please amend the claims as set forth in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.